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Learn About Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides in-person and remote tax assistance free of charge to anyone, with a special focus on taxpayers who are 50 or older or who have low to moderate income.

Tax-Aide volunteers are located nationwide, and are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Tax help is provided in safe environments using a variety of methods based on a number of factors, including where you are located, COVID-19 spread, and volunteer availability.

The Newport 60+ is holding three Zoom sessions to assist people with how the program will work this year, options for doing your own taxes and general information. Join Kathy Kuebbing, a volunteer Tax Aide consultant, via our zoom sessions.

Session One: Jan 22nd at 11:00am

General Tax Information for the Community

- 1. Documents to gather for tax return preparation
- 2. New Tax Laws for 2020
- 3. How the Pandemic has altered the Tax-Aide Program
- 4. How you can file your own return for free

Session Two: January 29th at 11:00am

- 1. Status of Tax-Aide sites open and how to locate one
- 2. More on IRS Free File and Tax-Aide Alternative Tax Program (ATP)
- 3. Library Checkout of a hot spot for 2 weeks
- 4. The new Virtual Tax Preparation Process for those without access to the internet or lacking a computer at home

Session Three: February 8th at 11am

- 1. Tentative Plans to open one site to the public Feb 10th in Lincoln County
- 2. How and when to request an appointment
- 3. What happens if we do not have appointments available
- 4. Where to go for your appointment
- 5. Covid-19 Rules
- 6. How you can get Intake sheets and IRS F14446 to allow us permission to do a virtual tax return for you ahead of time to complete before the appointment time for scanning tax documents
- 7. Why you should consider Global Consent
- 8. How to meet in a virtual call with a volunteer to go over the return before the 2nd appointment
- 9. The second appointment to sign F8879 for permission to e-file and the printed return delivered to you

You can register on line for our virtual programs at: www.newportoregon.gov/sc and click on the yellow banner and the 60+ Activities Tab to register for virtual sessions. A zoom link will be provided to those registered prior to the program or class. If you have any questions about ZOOM or how to sign up please call the Newport 60+ Activity Center at 541 574 5459.